

The New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program



Elizabeth Midtown Infrastructure Improvement

City of Elizabeth

Project Start Date: 2011

Project

The City of Elizabeth supported the economic development of its central business district by investing in upgrades to its aging wastewater infrastructure system. The Elizabeth Midtown Infrastructure Improvement project separated a combined sewer system in the City's Historic Midtown by constructing 4,750 feet of sanitary sewer pipes, 3,000 feet of storm water pipes and expanding two combined sewer outfalls. The City of Elizabeth funded the project through the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program (NJEIFP), a joint partnership between the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust (NJEIT).



Construction crew locates pipes under West Jersey St. in Elizabeth on Feb. 15, 2012.
Photo courtesy of Harbor Consultants Inc.

Project: Sanitary and Storm Sewer Improvement

Cost: \$7,200,000

Savings: \$2,700,000

Funding: NJEIFP Loan with Principal Forgiveness

Duration: 2 years

Project Owner: City of Elizabeth

Apply Online

Under the NJEIFP rolling application process, applications can be submitted anytime of the year via our online H₂LOans portal (www.h2loans.com).

Fund Your Project

Have project specific questions?
Contact our program staff:

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Saving through the State of New Jersey

The NJEIFP offers advantageous funding and loan programs for drinking water, wastewater and stormwater projects in New Jersey.

The Midtown Infrastructure Improvement Project is being funded with an estimated \$7,200,000 loan package from the NJEIFP. The loan package is divided into 40% at 0% interest, 40% at AAA market rate and 20% principal forgiveness. Total savings to the City of Elizabeth's rate payers, including interest cost savings, is estimated to be \$2,700,000.

Learn more about attractive financing packages and how we can help fund your water infrastructure project, visit www.njeit.org.

Cleaner Environment, Healthy Communities

Investing in the City of Elizabeth's water infrastructure had numerous positive impacts for the city's economic development, public health and environment.

City Benefits

- *Increased Development Capacity*
- *Reduced Flooding*
- *Curtailed Sewage Backup into Homes*

Environmental Improvements

- *Runoff Prevention*
- *Combined Sewer Overflow Reduction*
- *Improved River Quality*

Navigating Environmental Permits

In order to construct or change the operation of a wastewater collection, conveyance or treatment facility (such as Elizabeth's sewer system improvements), the proper environmental review(s) and permit(s) from the NJDEP are required. NJDEP is readily available to help applicants through the permitting process as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Get Your Permit

Once you submit a loan application with the NJEIFP via H₂LOans (www.h2loans.com), a program manager will be available to assist you through the permitting process.

For large projects that need 3 or more permits, submit a *Permit Readiness Checklist* (www.nj.gov/dep/pcer/introcklist.htm) to NJDEP's Office of Permit Coordination and Environmental Review.



Sewer improvement work takes place on West Jersey St. in Elizabeth. Photo courtesy of Harbor Consultants Inc.



Crew installs manhole on Harrison St. in Elizabeth on March 7, 2012. Photo courtesy of Harbor Consultants Inc.